

United States District Court  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

Matthew Shepherd

ORDER OF DETENTION  
PENDING TRIAL

Case Number: 1:06 MJ 321

In accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), a detention hearing has been held. I conclude that the following facts require the detention of the defendant pending trial in this case.

Part I – Findings of Fact

- ☐ (1) The defendant is charged with an offense described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1) and has been convicted of a ☐ federal offense ☐ state or local offense that would have been a federal offense if a circumstance giving rise to federal jurisdiction had existed – that is
- ☐ a crime of violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3156(a)(4).
- ☐ an offense for which the maximum sentence is life imprisonment or death.
- ☐ an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ A felony that was committed after the defendant had been convicted of two or more prior federal offenses described in 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)(A)-(C), or comparable state or local offenses.
- ☐ (2) The offense described in finding (1) was committed while the defendant was on release pending trial for a federal, state or local offense.
- ☐ (3) A period of not more than five years has elapsed since the ☐ date of conviction ☐ release of the defendant from imprisonment for the offense described in finding (1).
- ☐ (4) Findings Nos. (1),(2) and (3) establish a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of (an) other person(s) and the community. I further find that the defendant has not rebutted this presumption.

Alternate Findings (A)

- ☒ (1) There is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense ☒ for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in the Controlled Substances Act ☐ under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).
- ☐ (2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding (1) that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community.

Alternate Findings (B)

- ☒ (1) There is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.
- ☒ (2) There is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

Part II – Written Statement of Reasons for Detention

I find that the credible testimony and information submitted at the hearing establish by clear and convincing evidence that defendant is a 36 year old unemployed man, with a history of drug abuse and mental health problems. His criminal record spans 15 years. Most significantly, defendant was sentenced to probation in 2003 on a state controlled substances felony and was found guilty within a few months of probation violation. He was ordered to enter a halfway house (KPEP) but absconded almost immediately. His probation was revoked in 2003 after he was convicted of committing a stalking offense. Since that time he has a string of convictions for driving on a suspended license, driving under the influence, and retail fraud. Defendant's demonstrated inability to comply with conditions of probation shows that he will not comply with conditions of bond.

Part III – Directions Regarding Detention

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

April 13, 2006

Date

/s/ Joseph G. Scoville

Signature of Judge

Joseph G. Scoville, United States Magistrate Judge

Name and Title of Judge